

**Springerville Town Council
Minutes
May 6, 2004**

Present: Mayor Kay Dyson, Vice-Mayor Mary Nedrow, Mark Baca, Ramon Castillo and Scott Cray

Staff: Kurt Hassler Town Manager, Val Cordova Town Clerk, Sterling Solomon Town Attorney

Public: Glenna and Jim Crosby, Betty Amator, Frances Hutton, David Pulsifer, Evelyn Arabie, Jan Burr, Jeff Barbe, Stan Thurber, Edde Castillo, Buster Madariaga, Jim Muth, Roxanne Knight, D. Davis, Steve and Debbie martin, George Dansie, Hank and Debbie Rogers.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Dyson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

Mayor Dyson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

3. Public Participation

None

4. Manager, and Council Reports

Council Reports

Mayor Dyson reported that she attended a NACOG meeting in Flagstaff on April 22. They are asking for resolutions asking Congress to reauthorize the Head Start Programs and ISTE transportation related funding.

She attended the Upper Little Colorado River Water Shed Partnership meeting last week. It is possible that we could be used as a study area for weather modification of cloud seeding to enhance water fall in our reservoirs. They reported on the reservoir dam. There are several engineers looking at the settling and silt.

The Town of Eagar has a grant in to the Bureau of Reclamation to pipe their irrigation. The governor's task force on drought is close to making it mandatory that every community have a water management plan. She encouraged active participation in the watershed group.

She attended the Social Services Block Grant meeting today here in Springerville.

Next week Alice Van Lunen will be attending the Archaeological Conservancy meeting addressing management opportunities for the Sherwood Pueblo known previously as Raven Site.

The town has been asked to participate in a regional fire wise workshop on July 31st addressing how towns and private land owners can prepare and minimize the danger of fire on private land.

Councilman Cray reported he met with NACOG who administrates the distribution of CDBG funds as one of six contractors. He encouraged one of the contractors who deal's in remediation to meet with Mr. Hassler.

He thanked the council for sending him to Kansas City to the Police Facility Planning Institute. He brought home a lot of knowledge in the process of building a police station. He admitted he went with a lot of bias but has come back a changed person due to the information he acquired. He explained that a needs assessment is the driving point. He reiterated that this class was beneficial.

Town Managers Report:

Mr. Hassler reported that we will be doing a spring tree limb pick up. It will begin on Monday and will continue until they are done. This will be a one time pass through so all the limbs need to be out on the

easement Monday morning. Crews will not be going into private property due to liability. They decided to try doing this twice a year so it is not such a big thing at one time.

The Moses water and sewer project is moving forward. The water line is in and complete. They only need to install the meter after the deposit is paid. The contractor is working on the sanitary sewer and moving forward.

The Parks and Recreation committee met last Tuesday and adopted a master plan for both Becker Memorial and Pioneer Park and hope to have these before the Council at a coming meeting. One of the things the committee did was to create a road through the park. Poles and guide wires have been installed by the public works crews to keep people from straying off the road. Access is now open to the tennis courts as well as the ramadas in the back.

Most of this work was done with the town crews, inmate labor and supplies that were on hand.

This Saturday the town is having an auction on surplus equipment and four vehicles. This will start at 10:00 a.m. with the Quonset yard open tomorrow from 1:00 to 3:00 pm to view items. The gates will open at 9:00 a.m.

Ramon Castillo has generously donated his time to help with the auction again this year. He did an excellent job last year and volunteered again this year.

Mayor Dyson reminded the Council that on May 12th at 6:00 will be the swearing in of the council people in front of the old school. They will be thanking Ramon Castillo and Lynn Rogers for their service on the Council and welcome Mark Baca and Pete Hunt.

There will be a joint meeting of the Springerville and Eagar Town Councils at 6:30 at the Forest Supervisors office. There will be three issues concerning environment issues in our area regarding State land status, fire danger status and Game and Fish.

The next regular meeting of the council will be on May 19th, on Wednesday May 26 they will begin on the town manager selection.

Chamber Report

Larisa Bogardus gave a brief report for the Chamber. She reported that Marnie is in California at Project Central. The Carson and Barnes Circus was not as well attended as they have been in the past and thought it might be due to the cold weather. They are gearing up for the summer and are in the process of distributing the 2004 Business and Membership Directory with copies available at the office. The next big project is the Car Show scheduled for June 18 and 19th.

5. Minutes : Consider approval of the minutes from the town council meeting held on April 21, 2004.

Councilman Cray asked when resolution 531 would be brought back for consideration.

Mr. Hassler advised him that it was tabled due to conflicting responses to the attorneys from tax advisers and legal attorneys as to what the town can do. It will be put back on the agenda as soon as they have this cleared up.

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Mark Baca to approve the minutes of April 21, 2004

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson |
| | | Mary Nedrow |
| | | Ramon Castillo |
| | | Mark Baca |
| | | Scott Cray |

6. Requests for Funding: Consider funding requests for the current and next fiscal year and take appropriate action.

Mayor Dyson explained that the Council is looking at requests for funding totaling \$9,650.00 out of this year's budget for a number of organizations with only \$1,950 left in this budget.

She stated that organizations wanting funds from the town were contacted and asked to come and make presentations. The list has been split into two fiscal year budgets with this year ending June 30 and the new fiscal year beginning on July 1.

Vice-Mayor Nedrow stated that she reviewed the list of requests and said she would not exceed the budget. She said she categorized the list into this year and next year and proposed the following breakdown.

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| Run with the Wolf | \$ 1,300 |
| ATV Roughriders (map) | \$ 3,750 |
| ATV Roughriders *closing ceremony | \$ 2,000 |
| Fat Tire Fiesta | \$ 300 |
| Apache County Elections | |
| Round Valley Little League | \$ 500 |
| NBHA | \$ 150 |
| Round Valley Orchestra | \$ 300 |
| Apache County Sheriff's Posse | \$ 650 |

She felt that these suggestions should keep the council in this year's budget. The other council members agreed that this was a good compromise and there were still others that had not come forward.

Vice-Mayor Nedrow also stated that she was not against giving the Run with the Wolf organization \$2,000 but they don't have \$2,000 right now and asked if they would take \$1,300 now and come back next year so they could budget it.

Dave Pulsifer volunteered to wait until the new budget for the Sheriff's Posse request.

The Council decided to add these additional funds to the Run with the Wolf organization.

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Scott Cray to consider giving funds to the

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| Run with the Wolf | \$ 1,550 |
| Little League | \$ 250 |
| NBHA | \$ 150 |

for this years' budget and consider the rest in the next year's budget.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson |
| | | Mary Nedrow |
| | | Ramon Castillo |
| | | Mark Baca |
| | | Scott Cray |

7. Public Hearing: Consider holding a public hearing regarding water and sewer rates.

Motion by Mark Baca/Ramon Castillo to go into public hearing regarding proposed water and sewer rates.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson |
| | | Mary Nedrow |
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| | | Mark Baca |
| | | Scott Cray |

Mr. Hassler gave a presentation on the proposed changes to the rate structure. He suggested changing all sewer accounts to be based on water usage with a \$13.50 base fee plus \$ 1.75 per 1,000

gallons used after 2,000. Commercial accounts based on a monthly average with residential accounts based on the average of water usage from November, December, January and February.

Reduce the water adjudication fee to \$.75 per account from \$1.25.

Raise all water and sewer taps by \$100 and remove the fee for crossing the street.

Raise the fee for turn-ons and turn-offs to \$10 from \$5.00.

Lower the commercial sewer rate to \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons used on water meters from \$2.50 per 1,000.

He advised the Council that they can pass the new fee schedule with an automatic increase in January to \$2.00 and January 05 to \$2.25, January 06 \$2.50.

The next slides Mr. Hassler showed were rate comparisons showing that a single to two persons should be using approximately 2,000 gallons whose bill would actually decrease. A family of four should average about 5,000 gallons a month and so on.

He then showed the commercial comparisons with 50,000 and 100,000 gallons. The new rate structure would lower by about \$40.00 and about \$70.00 if they are using 100,000 gallons. Eagar, St. Johns, and Show Low are higher than the proposed structure. All commercial rates will be based on gallons used versus per space for mobile home/RV Parks, and Laundromats.

Public comments were then taken from several business people that felt that these rates were still too high. Some suggested lowering the price to connect to city sewer and mandated sewer hook ups. There was a suggestion of a sewer assessment with payment plans.

Mr. Hassler reiterated that everyone would be based on usage only, not per machine, spaces or rooms. He acknowledged that there would not be not a way to monitor car wash bays unless a separate meter is installed for water that does not go down the sewer.

Mayor Dyson stated that the recommendations made were not those of the council.

It was suggested using a flat rate for 50,000 gallons and \$1.50 per thousand after that. Other businesses agreed that they could live with a considerable higher flat rate. They felt that the town could make extra money by raising the flat rate especially when it is not going into the sewer.

Mr. Hassler read off the proposed fee scheduled proposed tonight at \$1.75 per thousand gallons

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| 0 | 2,000 | \$ 13.50 |
| 2001 | 20,000 | 45.00 |
| 20,001 | 50,000 | 97.50 |
| 50,001 | 100,000 | 185.00 |
| over 100,000 | | 1.75 per thousand gallons |

He clarified that these rates are for commercial usage but warned that one gallon over the minimum would cost an additional \$11.50. Those commercial businesses present said they could live with that as opposed to paying the higher rates.

Councilman Cray stated he liked Mr. Hassler's proposal as it was fair and equitable to everyone.

Councilman Baca also agreed that they should go with this proposal and bring this up on a yearly basis instead of making yearly increments.

Councilman Castillo stated he does not want to see the businesses gouged and would like to see what the businesses suggested.

Vice-Mayor Nedrow didn't have a problem with the structure this way.

Mayor Dyson stated that she also liked this idea as well but would like to see it lowered to \$1.50 per thousand which is half of the \$2.50 per thousand as suggested by Mr. Madriaga.

The charges have been removed for; per space RV Parks, across the street crossing, and they adjusted the per thousand gallon cost.

Mr. Hassler was asked to address what the town charges for out of town water charges. He stated that A.R.S. does restrict what we can charge people in other municipalities, such as Eagar. There are about five accounts who are in Eagar but are charged Springerville rates. A.R.S. does not govern people that live in the county.

Mr. Hassler clarified for everyone present that under his proposal everyone is based on the \$13.50 base rate plus the \$1.75 unless they do not have city water.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson |
| | | Mary Nedrow |
| | | Ramon Castillo |
| | | Mark Baca |
| | | Scott Cray |

Mr. Hassler advised the Council that they did not need to make any motions but to give him direction to write the resolution for the next meeting. He clarified that everything he proposed was okay except that they want to change the usage rate on the commercial and residential be changed to \$1.50. He will write this into a resolution for the next meeting. There was no consensus on automatic increments. The council wants to review this rate structure annually.

8. **Liquor License Request:** Consider approving the request for an interim permit/new license for Lil Ranglers Restaurant.

This is an existing liquor license that has been sold to Debbie Martin for Lil Rangler. This is an interim permit/person transfer. The actual license will be approved by the State.

Motion by Ramon Castillo/Mark Baca to authorize the Interim Permit/Person transfer liquor license for Debra Kay martin dba Ashley Cooperative Enterprises inc. for Lil Rangler's Restaurant located at 173 W. Main Street.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson |
| | | Mary Nedrow |
| | | Ramon Castillo |
| | | Mark Baca |
| | | Scott Cray |

9. **New Liquor License:** Consider approving the request for a new liquor license for Debra Kay martin, ba Ashley Cooperative Enterprises, Inc.

Mayor Dyson explained that this is asking the Council to authorize a new license for a micro brewery.

Motion by Mark Baca/Mary Nedrow to authorize the new license request for Debra Kay Martin dba Ashley Cooperative Enterprises, Inc. for Lil Rangler's Restaurant located at 173 W. Main Street.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson |
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| | | Mark Baca |
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10. **Glenna Crosby Request:** Consider a request from Glenna Crosby regarding an insurance claim.

Mrs. Crosby then addressed the Council regarding her claim. She explained that she had been gone for a length of time and thought this claim had been taken care of only to find out that it had been denied. She explained that her house shifted due to a water leak from one of the city's water lines but her claim was denied by the town's insurance because they thought the water had come from another source. She filed this claim in February of last year and had to pay \$4,448 to have her house repaired.

She explained that the city had been contacted about the leak in January but did not fix the water leak until after few months.

Motion by Scott Cray/Mary Nedrow to go into executive session for legal counsel at 8:08pm

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson |
| | | Mary Nedrow |
| | | Ramon Castillo |
| | | Mark Baca |
| | | Scott Cray |

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Ramon Castillo to reconvened the meeting at 8:23pm

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Ramon Castillo to direct the town manager to direct SW Risk Services to settle the claim for Glenna Crosby.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson |
| | | Mary Nedrow |
| | | Ramon Castillo |
| | | Mark Baca |
| | | Scott Cray |

11. PER DIEM REQUEST: Consider authorizing the town manager to make a payment of \$250.00 to Scott Cray.

Councilman Cray declared a conflict of interest and left the room.

Mayor Dyson explained that this request is to pay Scott Cray \$250.00 for attending the Successful Facility Planning conference in Kansas.

Motion by Mark Baca/Mary Nedrow to authorize the town manager to pay Scott Cray \$250.00 for attending the Successful Facility Planning at the police Facility Planning Institute on April 20-24 in Kansas, MO.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson |
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| | | Ramon Castillo |
| | | Mark Baca |

12. PER DIEM REQUEST: Consider authorizing the town manager to make a payment of \$50.00 to Kay Dyson.

Mayor Dyson declared a conflict of interest, turned the meeting over to the Vice-Mayor and left the room.

Motion by Ramon Castillo/Mark Baca to authorize the town manager to pay Kay Dyson \$50.00 for attending the NACOG meeting on April 22, 2004.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Mary Nedrow |
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| | | Mark Baca |
| | | Scott Cray |

13. Police Department Presentation: Hear a presentation by the police department regarding activities over the past year.

Mr. Hassler explained that Steve West is out of town and recommended tabling this item until the next meeting.

Motion by Kay Dyson/Mark Baca to table item 13.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson |
| | | Mary Nedrow |
| | | Ramon Castillo |
| | | Mark Baca |
| | | Scott Cray |

14. Resolution 2004-R007: Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign resolution 2004-R008 regarding Economic Development.

Mayor Dyson explained that this resolution was presented to the town by Joe Papa the Rural Interim Director of the White Mountain Regional Development Corporation. They are trying to go for a grant for economic development planning for our area.

"Resolution 2004-R007, a resolution of the Town of Springerville Council, supporting a regional economic development planning grant for the Plateau Region".

Motion by Scott Cray/Ramon Castillo to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 2004-R007 in support of the Arizona Department of commerce economic development planning grant for the Plateau Region.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson |
| | | Mary Nedrow |
| | | Ramon Castillo |
| | | Mark Baca |
| | | Scott Cray |

15. Resolution 2004-R008: Consider authorizing the Mayor to sign resolution 2004-r008 regarding the reauthorization of the transportation equity act for the 21st Century.

Mayor Dyson explained that NACOG has asked all the northern Arizona cities and towns to pass a resolution reauthorizing the Federal Government to refund the Transportation Act with TEA-21 money.

"A Resolution 2004-R008 a resolution of the Town of Springerville regarding the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century

Motion by Ramon Castillo/Mark Baca to authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 2004-R008 regarding the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century

16. Adjournment:

Motion by Mary Nedrow/Kay Dyson to adjourn the meeting.

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| Vote: | Ayes: | Kay Dyson |
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| | | Ramon Castillo |
| | | Mark Baca |
| | | Scott Cray |

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Kay Dyson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Thursday May 6, 2004. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and a quorum was present.

Dated this 10th Day of May 2004

Town Clerk